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SUBJECT: SAHARA: LATEST POLISARIO MILITARY CLAIMS

1. ALGERIAN PRESS AUGUST CARRIES POLISARIO COMMUNIQUE CLAIMING THAT LARGE NUMBER OF MOROCCAN AND MAURITANIAN SOLDIER PUTOUT OF ACTION IN INCIDENTS AT FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

A. BIR MOGHREIN: IN JULY 26 AND 29 POLISARIO ATTACKS ON MAURITANIAN TOWN OF BIR MOGHREIN, TOTAL OF 160 MAURITANIAN SOLDIERS KILLED, MORE THAN 40 WOUNDED, AND EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING LAND ROVERS AND WEAPONS, CAPTURED.

B. M'SEID: IN JULY 27 ATTACK ON SOUTHERN MOROCCAN TOWN OF M'SEID, POLISARIO KILLED 40 MOROCCANS AND CAPTURED 5 MERCEDES TRUCKS AND 10 TONS OF FOOD AS WELL AS SMALL ARMS AND MUNITIONS. TWO MOROCCANS TAKEN PRISONER. AUGUST 2 CLASH NORTH OF M'SEID LEFT 53 MOROCCANS KILLED, 15 WOUNDED AND 20 TAKEN PRISONER. MOROCCAN TROOPS SAID TO HAVE FLED TOWARDS TAN TAN FOLLOWING THIS ATTACK.

2. POLISARIO ALSO CLAIMS TO HAVE DESTROYED, OVER "LONG DISTANCE," BOUCRAA PHOSPHATE CONVEYOR BELT. PARKER

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